THE CIT ON ESCAMBRAY

723 re fellowing information/secured by Eugenie during the past 30 from his coversations with Guillermo, Dr. Ojeda, Jesus, Fernando, et an appreciation of latest happening and present situation in Escambray.

History: Please check previous reports for accuracy. Rise was the first one to take up arms in Escambray against Castro shortly after his taking over the country. As time went en, other groups took arms and started to ererate in different zones throughout the Sanambray. Some of these groups were Sinecio, Benvive, Duque, Alba, lamirez, etc. etc. as reported. Guillerme, who is well known and liked in that zone as the one responsible for the II Front of Encambray in the fight against Batista, went to the zone from Favana, probably in the first quarter of 1960 to organize his own group and operate a clandestine rails station. Guillermo had a radio station hidden and left from the previous fight against Batista, as well as some arms and flags hidden in the zone. Guillerme did not take up arms at the time. His group was getting or-was then trained by the Company and specific plans of action and promises were evitently agreed on. Guillerne was sent back senetime in latter part of July or begining of August 1960, with the obvious instructions to organize action in havana and then proceed to Escambray to coordinate and open up a front there. Up to that time the groups in Escambray were in contact with a front there. Up to that time the groups in Escambray were in contact with each other but there was no common objectives and cooperation. Each group wan fighting on his own and each leader, specially Sinecio because of his personal arrogancy, wanted to be the military leader of the escambray. In Septem. Guillermo left for Escambray with Jesus and Benny. In "La Meza" they joined a Capt. Mesa, a lector and others that were also to Sinecio's carp in Pico del Tuerto. The party left "La Meza" on September 27, with a 24 hours delay because Jesus and Benny did not make contact in Renfueges as planned with Guillermo and returned to Havana under Jesu's insistance and fears. On the way the party set some milicianes from a commontive near by fears. On the way the party men seme milicianes from a cooperative near by and Benny was taken prisierer. At midnight Sept. 27-28 radio contact was made as scheduled with the base but Jesus did MCT received the base in his set. In the helief that theye did not make contact at all with the base, the group proceed to the last step before Sinecie's camp, which is I hour walk from said camp in Pice del Tuerto. Sinecio was surrounded by troops and the party could not proceed and awaited there until a breach could be made made. While there the party heard of the drop in Manabanilla. Not being able to proceed to Sinecie's cump, Guillermo, the doctor and Jesus decided to backtrack. The rest of the party remained there and later on were able to continue and reach Sinecie's camp. Guillerno with the doctor and Jesus returned to "La Moza" after buffing their equipment in the last stop before not tening (Kennandez's Carrill under a tree behind the house. There was no returning (Fernandez's furni), under a tree behind the house. There was no one in "La Noza" and Guillerne with the doctor took a car for hire (hotero) from "la Noza" to Cumanayagua. Josus followed two or three hours later, taking another car for hire a couple of miles down the road. Guillerne and the doctor were caight in Cumanayagua while having a drink in tewn. A miliciane asked them questions and arrested them when they were not able to fully identify themselves or perhaps they were recognized. The doctor had about TOCOpeses hidden in his secks and Guillerne about 3000 peses in his secks, anicture of his wife and of the children and a piece of paper to remind him how to put the maps together but with no relation to it. This paper was covering the pictures, and the picture of his daughter was stamped on the back "Prieto" or "Potografia Prieto", which happens to be the name of the plotographen that took the picture in Favana. Nothing else was found on them and the arrest was took the picture in Pavana. Nothing else was found on them and the arrest was a simple pick up. Jesus heard of the arrest when arriving to Dumanavagua and proceed to has druces and to Pavana. esus was stopped in Lag Druces by a milliplane for questioning and allowed to receed to the next term were he claimed he could identify himself and where he gave up his T.D. Land supplied by the Company (not the one from the Phristonia in Armicultura which insus left in Javana, but the other one with a black and red stripe). Here claims that he was followed by two cars from Lan must be the next term and from there to mayana by two per that heart has with him, and whom he lest

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semewhere in Havana near his house. During the trail everyone was presented as caught with Sinecie's group up in arms in the Escambray, and that Guillerme was caught when running away. Actually, some of them never arrived to Sinecio's camp. Some reports state that dinecio's group fought off the attack until they ran out of amountion and then surrendered. Other reports say that there was not much fighting because apparently the camp was covered with a gas that rendered them useless, that a deg was then let leese to track them down and all of them were arrested without much of a resistance. went ever the arms that were dropped and which Sinecie claimed were for which was secured by the nilitia in "La Campana", and that subsequent dreps thave been received by Rise and Duques's groups. During the table a communist goon squad was organized and sent on Actober 11 to cry "Paredon", but the people in general from Santa Clara was definitely with the prisioners; and on October 12 started a mass concentration to ask for mercy and commutation of the death sentence but the care comminist good and commend the communist group and communist good santal communistic groups. of the death sentence, but the same communist goon squats cornered the open concentration into a church and did not allow them to proceed. It is not clear whether information on the Escambray and Guillerne leaked out before er after the treal, but evidently much of it has laked out and everybody is afraid and under cover, waiting to see how deep infiltration has been accomplished. There has been a tremendous defineralization among the groups connected with the Escambray action and the people in general, but it has consolidated the comter-revolutionary groups at least in that some. seems that the groups up in arms in Escambray: Rise, best organized, Quque, and others are together and coordinating their efforts. That there has been more fighting in Escambra; since the treal, and the militia and/or army has not been able to take over times groups, who are fighting back indicating a coordinated action and possession of arms and ammunition which they iid not seem to have before, ansumed received from subsequent successful drops.

Observation: Guillerme never did accomplishmen his mission as he never did arrive to the groups up in arms in the Escambray as Military Toerdinater for the Company. However, his death has achieved the unification of that front, and a general awakening of the people in pereral, as entally in 1977 to 1. Of all the people serbencel to teath, Guillerme was the only one with a clearwision of his place in history and a common objective. The others lid not have any idealism and were simple group leaders. Juillerme did not talk during the trail and did not offer any comments for or against. The printeners were not tortuned or even abused, except by word of mouth. The tribunal positioned the death sentence three times on October 12, despite the fact that there was an evident personal reason for killing Guillerme in particular who had always opposed and stood in front of Filel Castro and against communism since their university days. Evidently, the jury was amptical of the political consequences such death sentences would create among the Guban people in general, especially when Guillerme and some of the other ones were actually framed to and made appear to be up interms with Sinecio. There are firing squai Guillerme stated that Thave trust in God and in the people. A They were executed with automatic guns and Guillerme and he dof them had an instant death at 9:00 p.m. on October 12, a little distance from Mia Jampana" Hy. The belies were returned to Sanha Glara temptery, but it is not yet known if they have been returned to the

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